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SUBJ: EXTRADITION: ROBERT VESCO

REF: SAN JOSE 2215

1. FOLLOWING CONSULTATION WITH ODIO I
WITHDRAW RECOMMENDATION REFTEL AND PLAN
TO GO AHEAD WITH APPEAL TODAY UNLESS
INSTRUCTED TO CONTRARY.

2. ODIO AGREES THAT INFORMATION ON
LACK OF " RECIPROCITY" IN US HURTS US BUT
BELIEVES WE STILL HAVE A RESPECTIVE CASE
AND THAT TO DEMONSTRATE SERIOUSNESS OF USG
AND IMPORTANCE WE ATTACH TO INTEGRITY OF
TREATY WITH RESPECT TO DOCUMENTARY REQUISITES
FOR PROVISIONAL ARREST WARRANT) WE SHOULD APPEAL.

3. I BELIEVE WE CAN ALWAYS MAINTAIN WE
DO NOT KNOW FOR SURE WHERE VESCO IS AND
THAT IN ANY CASE HE MAY RETURN AT ANY
COMMENT. CHANCES OF BEING CHARGED
WITH HARASSMENT, AND INCONSISTENCY ARE
INCREASED, BUT ON FURTHER REFLECTION I
BELIEVE THE EQUATION IS ONE WE CAN LIVE
WITH. IN THESE PSYCHOLOGICAL CONSIDERA-
TIONS I AM PERSUADED MOST OF ALL BY THE
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BELIEF WE MAY AS WELL PLAY OUT THE STRING
AND LOSE THE CASE THAN APPEAR TO THE PUBLIC
TO BE RETREATING OUT OF UNCERTAINTY.

4. ODIO' S DRAFT HAS BEEN AMENDED IN
ACCORDANCE STATE 119560. WE HAVE
SANTIZED RATHER THAN ELIMINATED THIRD
DRAFT PARA TO MAKE OUR POINT AS FOLLOWS:
QUOTE IN OTHER WORDS, THE GOVERNMENT OF
THE UNITED STATES OF AMERICA HAS BEEN
DISPOSED AS LONG AS THE TREATY HAS BEEN
IN FORCE TO OFFER TO THE GOVERNMENT OF
COSTA RICA ITS COOPERATION IN ORDERING THE
PROVISIONAL ARREST OF A DEFENDANT WHOSE
EXTRADITION MAY BE REQUESTED, BASED ON THE
SWORN DECLARATION OF ITS DIPLOMATIC AGENT
WIGAOUT THE NECESSITY OF PRIOR PRESENTATION
OF DOCUMENTS UNQUOTE.
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